

Amendment No. 1 to SB0887

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 887

House Bill No. 325*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) There is created the electronic monitoring indigency fund task force to study and make recommendations on the future of the electronic monitoring indigency fund.

(b) The task force is composed of nine (9) members as follows:

(1) The chair of the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives;

(2) The chair of the finance, ways and means committee of the house of representatives;

(3) The chair of the senate judiciary committee;

(4) The chair of the senate finance, ways and means committee;

(5) The commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair;

(6) The state treasurer or the state treasurer's designee;

(7) One (1) member representing the Tennessee County Services Association or the County Officials Association of Tennessee, appointed by the governor;

(8) One (1) member representing the Tennessee general sessions judges conference, appointed by the Tennessee general sessions judges conference; and

(9) One (1) member of the governor's administration, appointed by the governor.

(c) The task force shall study, at a minimum:

(1) The current definition of indigency and proposed changes to the definition in state law;

(2) The number of ignition interlock devices and electronic monitoring devices currently covered by the electronic monitoring indigency fund, created in title 55, chapter 10, part 4, and any future projections;

(3) The current volume of monthly claims and any future projections of monthly claims;

(4) The number of claims being denied and the reasons for denial;

(5) The average payments per claim;

(6) The length of time for which a device may be covered by the electronic monitoring indigency fund; and

(7) Options for sustainable funding and operation of the electronic monitoring indigency fund.

(d) The commissioner of safety or the commissioner's designee shall call the first meeting of the task force, which must occur no later than June 15, 2022. The task force may conduct meetings as it deems necessary to conduct the business of the task force. The members shall not receive compensation or travel reimbursement for serving on the task force.

(e) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the speaker of the senate no later than September 30, 2022, at which time this section is repealed and the task force ceases to exist unless the task force is reenacted or extended by the general assembly prior to such date.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.